PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

I hope that all of our mothers, carers and grandmothers enjoyed a beautiful Mother’s Day on Sunday. We heard lots of stories about spoiling mum with breakfast in bed, homemade cards and lots of hugs. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the hard working mums that do a wonderful job getting their children ready to learn everyday!

This fortnight parents have been proving that learning is a life-long process. We had parent attend a NAPLAN workshop where we looked at the types of questions your children will be answering. We had an excellent group of parents take up the opportunity to become panel trained. This is a great way to ensure that parent voice is represented on all advertised jobs. We also had a dedicated team of parents attend the Reading for Life training held at Granville East PS. The parents have come back so excited that they will be sharing these new skills not only with their children, but also by volunteering in the classrooms.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy tests this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. NAPLAN tests are not pass or fail and you can help your child by assuring them that doing their best is the most important thing.
Our school Cross Country Carnival was a big success last week. K-2 students had lots of fun racing each other around the school grounds. The 3-6 students put in their best efforts to endure a gruelling 2km or 3km run based on their age. Congratulations to the students who ran a place in their age group.

Ms Nicole Wade

Dates for the Diary

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P&C Mother’s Day Stall

We know that our Mums must have been surprised by some beautiful gifts this Mother’s Day as our Mother’s Day stall was a huge success. The P&C had a variety of gorgeous gifts for students to buy. The P&C raised over $400 whilst making sure our children had something special to give mum. Thank you to our parents for volunteering their time to run the stall. A special thank you to Louisa William who kindly donated money towards the stall.

Opportunity Class Placement (OC)

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by Friday 16 May 2014. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form available from Mr Gawthorne in 3/4 Lime.

Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.
Kindergarten visits Featherdale Wildlife Park!

Yesterday kindergarten students went on their first excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park. Students and teachers were all very excited to see some animals – especially as we have been learning about living things in class. Each student had a special passport that they had to stamp when they visited different animal enclosures. As we walked through the park we saw some cuddly koalas, some kangaroos relaxing in the sun, a very big wombat snuggled up inside his burrow, a very very big crocodile, some Tasmanian devils running around, emus, dingoes, fruit bats, echidnas, penguins and lots of amazing birds (who were very interested in our lunch).

Our lovely education officer introduced the students to 4 animals, and taught them all about their lifestyle, diet, habitat, defence mechanisms, and predators. We got to meet and pat Mario the shingleback lizard, Captain Feathersword – a tawny frogmouth, a diamond python named Dora and Cleo the koala!

Student Safety

The safety of our students during morning arrivals and afternoon departures continues to be a concern for staff and parents alike. Again, I ask that ALL parents and carers be fully respectful of the safety of our students at these times.

Please be aware of and follow the road safety rules and signs for the roads adjoining the school’s boundaries. All schools experience congestion at the beginning and end of the day, so we ask that you are mindful of all of our students and not just your personal convenience at these times.

Wherever possible we have teachers on duty at each of our exit gates to supervise students who have not been picked up. We also understand that occasionally parents may be delayed and ask that they notify the school, wherever possible, prior to 3.00pm so that we can relay messages to children or make alternate supervision arrangements.

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For a full list of all new penalties and offences, visit: www.mrs.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on: 13 22 13

These penalties apply to offences in school zones only when the driver is over 16 years of age.

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Parent Pampering Session

Kindy having Developmental Play...

GSPS Gets a Facebook Page

Parents have been asking for an official Face Book page for GSPS. Type in https://www.facebook.com/granvillesouthps to view page.

Please like our page and check it regularly for updates about school events and the wonderful learning that occurs in our classrooms.

Download our APP for free. User name = community Password = granvilles. The web address is - www.granvilles-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Commendations

1st Bronze
Carlos Beattie
Azar Khouri
Nitara Lyons
Sanaz Fily
Kapilan Sarma
Ahmad El Saj
Mariam Albadri
Aliya Omar
Yemen Agha
Elissa Badr
Zeinab Hashimi
Jazmine Addouj
Joumana Sakar
Firas El-Maarbani
Mohammed Ajouz
Ethan Kamoda
Rehan Malik
Abby Hamdan
Arif Azimi
Sina Akhlaghi
Aljim Penoso
Sajed Rima
Selenah Sadaka
Rayan Arnaout
Ruby Jo
Amira Elsamad

2nd Bronze
Jo Thomas
Ayah Chaouk
Jacob Davis
Fatemeh Hashimi
Loze Tafengatoto
Antonio Khouri
Mahmoud El-Hafez